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Examiner R. McDonald

In re application of

FISCHIONE ET AL

Serial No. 10/633,130

Filed August 1, 2003

PATENT APPLICATION

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PREPARING SPECIMENS FOR MICROSCOPY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

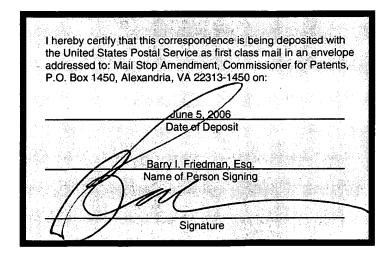
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June 5, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time for filing the enclosed response to the Office Action of February 22, 2006 in the above-identified application.



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Since Applicant is a small entity, as claimed in the initial filing of the above-referenced application, a check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed as payment of the fee for filing this Petition. Should this amount be improper or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amounts or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0525.

Applicant believes the petitioned extension of time is sufficient. However, should an additional extension of time be required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to the above-referenced deposit account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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